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For: SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY DIAGNOSTIC
METHODS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

May 10, 2000

Sir:

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 10, 2000

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the Communication issued April 10, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 16. (Amended) A set of primers selected from the group consisting of:

5' ACACTATCAAACCTAACCTGATCA 3' (SEQ ID NO:5)

5' AGACTATCAAACCTAACCTGATCA 3' (SEQ ID NO:5)

5' TAAGGAATGTGAGCACCTTCCTTC 3' (SEQ ID NO:6);

5' GTAATAACCAAATGCAATGTGAA 3' (SEQ ID NO:7)

5' CTACAACACCCTCTCACAG 3' (SEQ ID NO:8);